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AGE RELAXATION TO SENIOR CITIZENS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether age limit for providing relaxation to senior citizens under income-tax and TDS is 65 years whereas in railways and air flights it is 60 years for seeking relaxation in reservation;

(b) If so, whether the Government is contemplating to bring parity by reviewing different norms being adopted by the ministries thereunder in order to enable senior citizens to avail the facilities being given in respect of TDS and post offices; and

(c) The action taken or proposed to be taken in this regard including progress made in regard thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a): An individual resident in India and having attained the age of sixty five years and above during the financial year is treated as 'senior citizen' for the purposes of tax benefit under the Income-tax Act. Indian Airlines provides concession in airfare to citizens who have completed sixty five years in case of male passengers and sixty three years of age in the case of female passengers on the date of commencement of journey, subject to certain conditions.

Ministry of Railways extends concessions to individuals of the age of sixty years and above.

(b): No, Sir. The variation in the age limit for senior citizens for grant of concessions by different Ministries is due to the difference in the purpose for grant of such concessions.

(c): Does not arise.